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SUBJECT: DEPSEC VISIT TO ROME-BIOGRAPHIC MATERIAL

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1. WE ASSUME BIOGRAPHIC INFO ON PRIME MINISTER RUMOR, MINISTERS ANDREOTTI AND COLOMBO, AND UNDER SECRETARY BENSI IS READILY AVAILABLE IN DEPARTMENT. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT BENSI MISSED MEETING DEP SEC IN WASHINGTON DURING HIS DECEMBER 3-5, 1973 VISIT (RETURNING FROM HAVANA). BENSI NO DOUBT WILL LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING DEP SEC ON JUNE 4 (SEE JOHNSON-BEAUDRY LETTER OF DECEMBER 6, 1973). OTHERS, ALTHOUGH WELL KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT, ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW.

2. (A) COUNSELOR MAURIZIO BATTAGLINI, B. 1931. SERVED IN PARIS, KARACHI, RAWALPINDI, BRUSSELS (NATO), AND BUCHAREST. IS CURRENTLY OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR EC AFFAIRS. SPEAKS ENGLISH.

(B) ERIC DA RIN, B. 1924. SERVED IN TUNIS, TRIPOLI, DETROIT, OTTAWA, CANBERRA, PARIS, AND BRUSSELS (NATO). CURRENTLY DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF NATO AFFAIRS. EXCELLENT ENGLISH. MRS. DA RIN IS AUSTRALIAN BY BIRTH. ENGLISH IS HER MOTHER TONGUE.

(C) AMBASSADOR ROBERTO DUCCI, B. 1914. SERVED IN OTTAWA, NEWARK, PARIS PEACE CONFERENCE (1946), WARSAW, LONDON (NATO), PARIS (OECD), EC AND EURATOM CONFERENCES IN BRUSSELS, ITALIAN
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DRAFTING COMMITTEE FOR TREATY OF ROME, AMBASSADOR AT HELSINKI (1958),

VICE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS (1963), AMBASSADOR AT BELGRADE (1964), AMBASSADOR AT VIENNA (1967), DIRECTOR GENERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS FROM 1970 TO DATE. SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, AS DOES MRS. DUCCI (POLISH BY BIRTH). IF WE CONSIDER ITALIAN DIPLOMATS GENERALLY TO BE EITHER "ATLANTICISTS" OR "EUROPEANS", DUCCI IS "EUROPEAN".

(D) MINISTER LUIGI FERRARIS, B. 1928. SERVED IN MUNICH, NEWARD, ANKARA, SOFIA, CARACAS, WARSAW, AND SINCE 1969 AS OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR USSR AND EASTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS. SPEAKS ENGLISH.

(E) COUNSELOR LUIGI FONTANA GIUSTI, B. 1932. SERVED IN ALGIERS, BRUSSELS, WASHINGTON, LUXEMBOURG, AND SINCE 1970 IN THE OFFICE OF MBFR, LOS AND DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS, OF WHICH HE IS CURRENTLY DIRECTOR. SPEAKS ENGLISH. MARRIED.

(F) MINISTER WALTER GARDINI, B. 1922. SERVED IN BRUSSELS. BONN, PARIS, AND IN ROME AS CHIEF OF PUBLIC (PRESS) RELATIONS. CURRENTLY IS VICE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

(G) AMBASSADOR ROBERTO GAJA, B. 1912. SERVED IN LUCERNE, HANOVER, BASTIA, VIENNA, TRIESTE, TRIPOLI, PARIS, SOFIA, VICE DIRECTOR GENERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS 1963, DIRECTOR GENERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS 1964, SECRETARY GENERAL SINCE 1970. SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH, WELL DISPOSED TOWARD AMERICAN AND AMERICANS. MARRIED.

(H) MINISTER UMBERTO LA ROCCA, B. 1920. SERVED IN NEW YORK, LMNDON, PARIS, AND WASHINGTON. BACHELOR (DIVORCED). CURRENTLY VICE DIRECTOR GENERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS. SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH.

(I) MINISTER PASQUALE RICCIULI, B. 1914. SERVED IN BASLE, BONN, TOKYO, AND LONDON. CURRENTLY VICE DIRECTOR GENERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, ROME. SPEAKS ENGLISH.

(J) COUNSELOR GIUSEPPE SANTORO, B. 1930. SERVED IN TUNIS, OTTAWA, AND HAVANA. IS CURRENTLY PRIVATE SECRETARY FOR UNDER SECRETARY BENSI. SPEAKS ENGLISH, AS DOES MRS. BENSI (AUSTRIAN BY BIRTH). ANTORO IS REPUTED TO BE OF LEFT WING VIEWS, WHICH WOULD SQUARE WITH HIS SELECTION BY BENSI (A SOCIALIST) AS HIS CLOSEST AIDE.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT NOT ALL OF ABOVE NAMES ARE LISTED IN FINAL SCHEDULE IN ROME'S 7096. WE HAVE INCLUDED THE EXTRANEIOUS NAMES BECAUSE THEY WOULD MOST LIKELY APPEAR AS ALTERNATES IN THE EVENT LAST MINUTE CHANGES TO SCHEDULE ARE MADE. VOLPE

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